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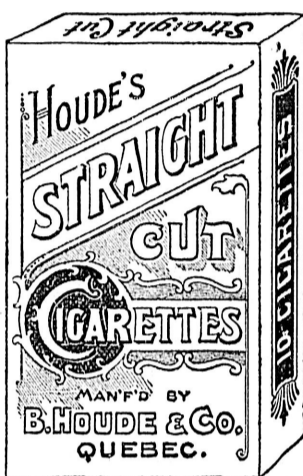
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Boer Trenches Extend Seventeen Miles--A Forty Mile Front at Modder.

Success of Movements in Cape Colony Show Greater Mobility of British.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 5.—5 a.m.—This morning's news throws no further light upon the situation.

The exact position at Molteno and Cyphergat is not yet clear; but in any case these little engagements are of small importance, beyond proving that the British forces are beginning to attain a greater degree of mobility.

It is fully expected that next week will see a heavy battle on the Tugela river, which is now the pivot of the campaign. The Boers appear to be working incessantly with shovels and picks.

Lord Methuen's cavalry scouting has developed the fact that the Boer entrenchments extend forty miles, far overlapping the British positions and making flank attacks exceedingly difficult. Military men affirm that the Boer trenches confronting Gen. Buller stretch away some sixteen miles, and that work upon them is pushed unrelentingly.

While the advance is delayed flank movements are rendered most difficult, because long marches are not done with celerity, and it is hard to time an attack with certainty.

The extent of the Dutch rising may now be measured by taking a line from Prieska, on the west to Herschel or Barkly on the east. Along the whole of this line, except at points actually occupied by the British, the population seems for the most part hostile.

New redoubts are being built at Kimberley and seventeen miles of works now encompass the town.

ALL WHITES MUST FIGHT.

Orange Free State Will Make All Take Up Arms Irrespective of Nationality.

Capetown, Jan. 5.—Intelligence has been received here from the Free State to the effect that President Steyn has issued a proclamation declaring that every white man irrespective of nationality is to be considered a burgher and is liable to be compelled to fight for the defence of the country.

NEW ZEALANDERS' PERIL.

Small Party Ran Into Boer Ambush Near Colesburg But Help Promptly Arrived.

Rensburg, Jan. 4.—The British casualties to Gen. French's force up to the afternoon of January 3 were 5 men killed and 24 wounded.

A detachment of 25 New Zealanders had a narrow escape while advancing on Colesburg. They were directed to occupy a kopje, but met with a hot reception from a concealed force of Boers. Another body of British troops, seeing their danger, rushed to the rescue. The New Zealanders, and their retreat was successfully accomplished under cover of the guns on the hills westward. The destruction of the wrecked train included 22,000 rations and a supply of rum.

THE CONTRABAND FLOUR.

Pennsylvania Firm Holding Second Consignment Until Fate of First Is Settled.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 4.—It became known here to-day that cargoes of flour seized by the British off the coast of Africa bound for Portuguese ports belonged to the Seaboard Milling Co. The company have over 12,000 sacks stored here which have been ordered for South Africa. It will be held, however, until the present question at issue—whether the British can legally seize such consignments—is settled.

THE GERMAN FILIBUSTERS.

Indignation That British Men-of-War Stop Their Traffic With the Boers.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The seizure of the imperial mail steamer General has considerably aggravated the situation here, and the indignation against England is intensified. The government, however, is still earnestly endeavoring to preserve correct official relations.

No answer that is considered satisfactory has yet been received from London, and according to advices here none is expected for several days longer. Today's news, however, induced the German government to send another protest to London.

Significant of the intensity of German feeling, the German colonial society, among whose 8,000 members are a number of resigning German princes, has issued a protest, which says:

"England's recent proceedings against German vessels are an outrage. The fact remains that the small respect which the English people feel for Germany because of her deficiency in naval power has taken such deep root that the commanders of English warships hasten to commit breaches of international rights, so long as only Germany is thereby touched. This lack of fear to touch the German flag must be thoroughly and speedily cured."

LIBERAL LEADER'S DEATH.

London, Jan. 4.—Mr. Francis Schanahan, who from 1885 to 1892 was the chief organizer and leader of the Liberal party, died yesterday at his sixtieth year.

HUGH JOHN'S CABINET.

Names of Coming Premier's First Choice for Colleagues Unofficially Announced.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—(Special)—It is generally expected that Premier Greenway and his cabinet will resign office on Saturday next, and Lieutenant-Governor Patterson will call upon Hugh John Macdonald to organize his government.

It is understood that Mr. Macdonald's cabinet will be composed of himself as premier and attorney-general; R. P. Roblin, provincial treasurer; and J. A. Davidson, minister of works and agriculture, with two other members without portfolios.

Davidson has no seat in the house. A protest has been entered against the return of R. C. Ennis, Liberal member for Beautiful Plains, who defeated Davidson at the recent election.

Yet Recruiting For Africa.

Quebec Artillery Volunteers Not Up to Number Allotted That Province.

St. John Garrison Men Given Several Places—Enthusiastic Farewells.

Special to the Colonist.

Quebec, Jan. 4.—The field battery of this city was expected to supply 55 men for the artillery branch of the second contingent, but only about 40 have volunteered. The R. C. A. men are anxious to go to the front, however, and as they have been pronounced physically fit, this part of the contingent may be considered completed. Another field battery in the province was supposed to furnish 13 men, but not one has volunteered, and their places have to be filled by others.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 4.—The Garrison Artillery will furnish eight men for the second contingent, while several gunners have offered their services.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Rev. W. E. Cox, English church minister at Pughwash, has been selected as one of the chaplains for the second contingent.

London, Ont., Jan. 4.—Scenes of nine weeks ago were repeated in London yesterday, when 30 members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles departed for South Africa. A civic holiday was declared, and thousands assembled along the line of march. At the station the enthusiasm displayed was as great as when the first contingent left. Mayor Wilson presented each of the 11 Londoners, on behalf of the council, with two sovereigns, and one sovereign each to the others.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—A mammoth patriotic demonstration was held in the drill hall here to-night, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the fund for Winnipeg's contingent for the Transvaal. The affair was a splendid success, the drill hall being crowded to the doors. Patriotic speeches were delivered by leading men, and choruses were rendered by a large choir of school children.

Col. Peters, late D. O. C. at Victoria, was here to-day, en route to Toronto, whence he has been transferred.

THE BRITISH VOLUNTEERS.

Nobleman Presents Fully Equipped Hospital—An Eminent Staff Surgeon—Another Churchill.

London, Jan. 5.—It now appears that it is Mr. John Churchill, second son of Lady Randolph Churchill, and not Mr. Winston Churchill, who has been given command of a brigade of the South African Light Horse.

Lord Rosslyn has thrown up his engagement at the Court Theatre in order to join the Yeomanry.

The offer of Lord Iveagh to provide at his own expense a completely equipped hospital for use in South Africa has been accepted.

The war office has invited Sir William Thomson to accept the post of staff surgeon to the forces in South Africa, instead of consulting surgeon.

FURTHER CALL ON MILITIA.

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Mr. Semlin In Straits.

Holding on by Speaker's Vote After Defeats on First Divisions of the Session.

Legislature Unanimously Offers Corps of Roughriders for Service in Africa.

Cash Subsidy to C. & W. Railway and New Scheme of Financing Education.

Expectation that the second session of the eighth legislature of British Columbia would prove prolific in sensational characteristics, and certainly the reverse of dull or uninteresting, is already partially realized. For while but one day of the session has passed, that day has been crowded with incident—the air highly charged with repressed excitement even before His Honor declared the parliament open for the despatch of business, and want of confidence in the administration twice emphatically expressed before the session had been two hours in progress. And at the adjournment, shortly after ten last evening, the government was found to be in the unfortunate position of carrying on public business by the vote of Mr. Speaker—a position of affairs very seldom seen in the history of constitutional government in Canada.

The opening ceremonies were largely attended, by a thoroughly representative and fashionable audience, yet in themselves less imposing from the spectacular standpoint than the openings of former years, although the brilliant staff of His Honor was surrounded—all were contributing factors—in an interesting spectacle.

It was after His Honor's address had been read, and the Lieutenant-Governor had retired with his retinue, however, that the real interest in the proceedings commenced—with the entrance of Mr. Joseph Martin and his taking of a seat in the rear rank of the opposition, between Mr. Clifford of Cassiar and Mr. McEwen of Devildale. Mr. Martin had been counted by the government as out of the reckoning—in Vancouver engaged in the conduct of an important professional matter. Determined to be in his place from the commencement of the session, Mr. Martin had, however, caught the steamer Joan from Vancouver to Nanaimo, from which city a special train had hurried him to the capital to overhurry his late colleagues with consternation—for there were two breaks in the government ranks and none on their opponents' side of the house.

Fighting for time at once became the desperate policy of the government—the disposition being manifested even upon the question of proffering Provincial aid to Imperial authorities in connection with the Transvaal campaign, to avert a testing of strength by the division of the house.

The house of course approved unanimously the patriotic resolution in connection with the proffered aid of volunteer scouts for South Africa; and then the pro forma proceedings went through quickly and unopposed.

It was when Premier Semlin offered the first debateable resolution of the session—that the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next—that the initial dramatic climax of the day and the session developed.

"All in favor," called the Speaker, and seventeen voices on the right of Mr. Speaker answered "aye."

"Contrary," said Mr. Speaker, and eighteen voices on the left were heard in an emphatic "no."

"The motion is lost," said Mr. Speaker with evident reluctance, and many of the spectators in the crowded galleries made bold to disregard to rules and join in the applause of the opposition.

There was a moment of hesitation and then Premier Semlin moved that at its rising the house stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday.

"This, too, was negatived, and assuming the leadership that this adverse vote for the government forced upon the leader of the opposition, Mr. Turner moved that the adjournment be until Tuesday at the customary hour."

It was then that the members of the government appeared to awaken to a realization of their position, and the real fight for time commenced—for it was apparent to all that the next motion would mean the death of the administration. With two seats vacant on the right and a solid and complete opposition confronting them, the members on the treasury benches battled for time in which to fill at least one of their vacant seats and thus postpone the hour of their doom. Mr. Wells of East Kootenay was known to be on board the Charnier, and so for an hour and a half the government party of British Columbia waited for night or the missing member on each side.

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THE GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

The defeat of the government yesterday discloses a condition of affairs in the house, which makes Mr. Semlin's overthrow only a matter of very short time. It is true that the loss of control of the house was due to the absence of Mr. Wells, but a minority, which is held in power by the casting vote of the Speaker alone is not in a position to carry on the affairs of the province in a house constituted as the present one is. There have been occasions when this has been done, but the conditions were very different to those prevailing in British Columbia to-day. It would not be difficult to mention several matters upon which the government is almost certain to find itself in a minority in a full house.

It is very clear that the opposition are masters of the situation. They have the government at their mercy and if they feel so disposed can completely block the progress of business at any time, even if they do not carry a vote of want of confidence. We do not suggest that they will do this, but their ability in that regard proves how utterly weak the government is and how useless it is for Mr. Semlin's friends to claim that he is any longer entitled to act as an adviser to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Certainly the change from last session is very remarkable. Then we found the ministry in a position to handle the house just as it wished. Its measures were carried by large majorities. Yesterday we saw it helpless in the face of a strong and determined opposition. The reason of this change is plain enough. The country has withdrawn any confidence it ever had in Mr. Semlin and his colleagues, and it is proper that the house should reflect its opinion. The people are heartily tired of this administration and they will hail with delight the news of its resignation, which cannot be long postponed.

We will not make any extended comment this morning upon the significance of yesterday's vote further than to say that it shows Mr. Semlin's fate to be in the hands of any single one of his supporters, a condition of things which cannot very long continue. It is an exceedingly dangerous state of affairs for the province, for it will enable any government supporter to demand any terms he chooses for a continuance of his assistance.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S OFFER.

The legislature of British Columbia only did its duty yesterday in offering to furnish a company of mounted men to be sent to South Africa as part of the Canadian contingent. The people of the province will endorse this action in the heartiest manner. The government was prompt to act upon the expression of public sentiment which found expression through the press. Whatever difference of opinion may exist on other subjects, there is none as to the duty of British people everywhere to do what in their lies to manifest in the most unmistakable way the loyalty of the people to the Empire.

This offer is no mere matter of form and it is the earnest desire of every one that it shall be accepted. British Columbia has the very best class of men for the proposed service and they will offer their services the moment it is known that they will be accepted. The young men of this province are made of the best material to be found in our world-wide Empire.

When news of this offer reaches Eastern Canada and Great Britain it will be received with the heartiest satisfaction. It is not the numerical strength of the offer or the fact that the people of this province are ready to put their hands in their pockets as well as send men to the front at this particular time, for it cannot be said that an emergency has arisen. The spontaneity of the offer, exhibiting as it does the true sentiment of this province, so far removed from the centre of Imperial authority, is what will appeal to British people everywhere. It testifies in an unmistakable way to the unity of the Empire.

THE SPEECH.

The speech from the throne was a little longer than usual, and a little thinner. With the expression of appreciation of the situation in South Africa we will all concur, and no comment upon it need be made. Neither is it necessary to do more than endorse very heartily the complimentary reference to Mr. Justice Irving's administration of the special legislation applicable to the Adin district; but we may properly remark that the difficulties, which the learned judge was called upon to settle, were due to the mistaken policy adopted by His Honor's advisers.

It is hardly possible to comment except in a very general way upon the proposed legislation in reference to education. For some time it has been felt that the educational system of the province needs revision to better adapt it to the needs of our growing population. To say this is not to reflect upon the excellent work done under the direction of Lt.-Col. Baker, the ex-minister of education. No one better understood than he that from time to time changes would have to be made in order to meet the new conditions arising from time to time.

The statement in the speech about the revenue damps the fiscal record of the year with faint praise. The general revenue has been well maintained, we are told. This is probably a euphemistic way of saying there has been a big drop in the provincial income.

The substitution of a cash subsidy for a land subsidy to the Columbia & Western railway is in the line proposed by the late government. The plan when proposed by Mr. Turner was strongly opposed by the very gentlemen who have now resorted to it.

We have already expressed approval of the suggestion to give the Boundary Creek district a representative.

The promise that means will be taken to open the Omineca district is exceedingly indefinite. We may draw attention to the fact that if the British Pacific railway had not been killed by adverse legislation there would now be under way a great line of communication which would fully open the district in question.

A revival of the Turner government project of a railway from the Coast of British Columbia to the Yukon and on the way develop the northern part of the province is welcome, but the question naturally arises why the party composing the ministry thought it was necessary to kill this great enterprise only a year ago.

An amendment of the Coal Mines Regulation act, of the Liquor License act and the law relating to measuring lumber fill up the meagre bill which Mr. Semlin and his colleagues have been able to prepare for the consideration of the legislature. It is satisfactory to know that the tenure of office by these gentlemen is soon to be brought to a conclusion.

VICTORIA-CHILLIWACK.

The city council amended the proposed Victoria-Chilliwack law by providing that the railway company may "purchase, lease or otherwise acquire" the Victoria & Sidney railway. There are two objections to this. One of them is a legal objection; the other is of a business nature.

As to the legal objection: The Municipal act authorizes a municipality to subscribe to the capital stock of a railway company, provided the work is wholly or in part within the limits of the municipality. Have the members of the city council inquired whether the city can contribute to the capital stock of a company, which proposes to construct a line beyond the limits of the municipality and lease one within the limits? It may be answered that the company will ask for power to construct a line within the municipality, and will in point of fact do so by building from the Market building to Hillside avenue, but whether this will be a sufficient compliance with the law is, we submit, a question that is open to doubt.

The business objection to the proposed arrangement is that it commits the city to an uncertainty. Before the citizens put half a million dollars in a railway project, the essential part of which is the acquisition of the Victoria & Sidney railway, they ought to know how much of the money is to be paid for the railway, or if it is to be leased, what the annual rental is to be. This rental, be it large or small, will be a charge upon the undertaking. Suppose the necessary legislation is obtained, the \$300,000 contemplated by the amended by-law is obtained and the city puts up its \$500,000, and thereupon the owners of the V. & S. insist upon being paid an exorbitant price or rental for their property. What will we do about it? Will we throw the whole matter up, or will we pay what is demanded? Surely this is a question of supreme importance. We are surprised that the majority of the members of the city council do not appreciate the force of this consideration. We have to repeat what we said some time ago about this project. It has been brought forward prematurely, for the promoters are not in possession of the information, which the ratepayers must have if they are to form an intelligent conclusion.

PARTISANSHIP IN THE CHAIR.

We doubt if there can be found in British parliamentary history a record of partisanship equal to that made by Mr. Speaker Forster yesterday. Less surprise will be felt over it, when people recall that Mr. Forster has attended the caucuses of the government party. For all that the country knows his rulings may be determined in advance in these secret councils, and the high office of Speaker is being degraded to the status of a mouthpiece of the party caucus. His rulings when the attorney-general had the floor fairly rocked with real or unintentional partisanship. Mr. Forster can only be given credit for a desire to be fair at the expense of his reputation for ordinary intelligence.

But perhaps the most extraordinary spectacle ever presented in the legislature was his ruling on the amendment to Mr. Turner's motion to adjourn. That he saw fit to violate every precedent and the rules of the house ever which he presided is to state the matter in the mildest possible way. He was severely criticized by Mr. Pooley, perhaps more so than a Speaker in a British Columbia legislature ever was before. The question whether the house shall meet on Monday or Tuesday is quite immaterial beside the greater one whether the office of Speaker, which is for the protection of members on both sides of the house, shall be prostituted for party

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uses. Mr. Forster found his ruling disputed by three former Speakers, two of whom occupied the chair for long periods, and one of whom acted as deputy Speaker for many years. Thus Messrs. Pooley, Higgins and Booth there are no members of the legislature who are better informed as to parliamentary procedure. Yet Mr. Forster waved their experience aside, as he waved the rule of the house and the practice of the British parliament aside, only to find himself in the pitiable position of having to sustain his own ruling by his own casting vote. No Speaker ever found himself in so humiliating a position.

To this extraordinary condition has British Columbia come that the government is sustained in power only by a partisan Speaker. It is a condition that is fraught with danger. We shall refer to it again.

THE WAR.

Yesterday's despatches told of the reinforcement of Gen. French, who will now, we hope, be able to drive the Boers from Colesberg and break up any resistance to our arms at that point. He has evidently manoeuvred to very great advantage if it is true that he has the enemy almost surrounded. We may expect at any moment to hear of the complete success of his operations, and if they result in that way, the road to the Free State will be open.

A portion of Gen. Gatacre's force was engaged at last reports in a brisk though not very extensive engagement with the enemy. We are under the impression that the unusual course adopted by the Boers of attacking our troops may be intended to mask a retirement of the main body of their army at Stormberg, in case he succeeds in his present attempt. The attack upon our post near Molteno reported yesterday turns out not to have been formidable and to have resulted in our favor.

Yesterday gave us practically no news of any moment from Natal, and there is naturally a great deal of speculation as to what Gen. Buller is doing. It seems hardly possible that he is doing nothing during these anxious days in Ladysmith. We look for important news from him at any moment.

Mr. Semlin's soliloquy yesterday: "Wond to God that night or Wells would come."

The attempt of the moribund ministry to kill time by a resolution appealing to the loyalty of the members of the house will be universally condemned by the people of the province.

Boer sympathizers will receive very little consideration at the hands of the people of Victoria. Capt. Jacobsen appreciates this so fully that he called at the Colonist office yesterday to ask that the strongest possible contradiction should be made of any connection on his part with the expression of sympathy with the enemies of the Queen. He condemned such a course unsparingly.

The Times states that the Colonist manufactured the statement that the Lieutenant-Governor in his letter to the Governor-General admitted that he may have been mistaken about those so-called blank warrants. The Times is either saying what it knows to be untrue or is hopelessly ignorant of what the Lieutenant-Governor said. It says the statement of what took place at the committee of public accounts is manufactured. The members of the committee know it is not, but that what the Colonist said is absolutely true.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

Cash Substituted for Land Subsidy—
Education Finance Another
Interesting Subject.

The following is the text of the speech read by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the legislature yesterday:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

Since the last occasion on which I had the pleasure of meeting you, events of momentous importance to the British Empire have occurred. The declaration of war against Great Britain by the governments of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State have involved the Empire in a fierce struggle for supremacy in South Africa. This event has evoked from every part of the Empire such expressions of Imperial unity of loyalty to the Crown and to the Constitution, and such a recognition of the responsibilities and duties that a share in the glory and advantage of the Imperial connection involve, as must kindle the patriotism of every citizen of the Empire. Canada was among the first of the great self-governing dependencies of the Empire to offer material aid to the Imperial government in its efforts to secure for both races in the Transvaal those equal rights of citizenship to which they were entitled by solemn treaty obligations. In the spontaneity of this offer from Canada, the federal and provincial governments and the people of the Dominion were as one.

Racial differences, party distinctions, have been obliterated in the great wave of popular enthusiasm to share in the burdens of empire and to aid the Mother Country in a righteous cause, and in the Canadian continent now in South Africa are to be found representatives of the stalwart manhood of Canada from every province of the Dominion. That the number of the volunteers from this province far exceeded that which the Imperial official arrangements made it possible to accept, must be a source of pride and satisfaction to every patriotic citizen of British Columbia.

Whilst watching the events on the field of war with the intensest interest and solace, we can but pray that our arms may be victorious and that peace may speedily be concluded and British supremacy in South Africa established on a firm and just basis.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the special legislation to provide a method for the adjustment of disputes

which had arisen over the ownership of mineral claims in the Atlin district has achieved the purpose for which it was designed. This has been due in no small degree to the able and impartial manner in which the learned commissioner, appointed under the provisions of the act, performed the duties imposed on him. There is every prospect that the Atlin district will be one of the most prosperous mining camps in British Columbia during the coming season.

The rapid growth in the population and the consequent requirement of a large increase in the school accommodation, make it imperative that the whole educational system should be revised. At the same time there is a general desire among the people of many of the towns which have recently become incorporated for a larger share in the control of their schools. A measure, therefore, will be laid before you which, it is thought, will accomplish this end and at the same time secure a maintenance of the excellence and efficiency of our educational system.

The renewed activity which is becoming apparent in the lumbering industry, and the greater demand likely to arise for the products of our forests, make it desirable that such arrangements should be made in the act for the measurement of logs as will make its operation satisfactory both to the mill-owners and loggers, and a bill with that object will be introduced.

Notwithstanding the substantial remissions of taxation made last year, the general revenue is well maintained. The loan authorized at the last session for the purpose of providing for the discharge of the large deficit which had accumulated, was successfully negotiated in London in July last. At that time it was only found necessary to issue \$1,000,000 out of the \$2,500,000 authorized by the act. The price realized for the stock was higher than that obtained for any previous issue.

The Columbia & Western railway company having completed its line between Rossland and Boundary Creek, has been entitled to a land grant of approximately 2,500,000 acres. Preliminary arrangements have been made between my government and the railway company for the substitution of a cash subsidy for the land grant, on such terms as will result in a substantial saving to the provincial treasury, as compared with the plan adopted in regard to the payment of similar subsidies in the past. By the carrying out of this arrangement, it will be possible to throw open for settlement in the Boundary Creek district an area of about 1,000,000 acres now reserved. This would have a most beneficial effect on the development of the district, and will be a source of much satisfaction to the people of that locality.

The recent increase in the population of the Boundary Creek district and the rapid development of its mining and other industries entitle it to have a representative in the legislature. An amendment to the Constitution act will, therefore, be introduced to effect this object.

Some amendments will be proposed to the Coal Mines Regulation act, in order to make the law more easy in application.

Amendments will be introduced to the Liquor License act, with a view to rendering its operation more effective and lessening the cost to licensees of complying with the regulations, especially in the rural districts.

As it is now known that in the Omineca district there are large areas of valuable mineral territory, and at present that region is almost inaccessible, while it is quite impossible to transport thither the heavy machinery necessary for the development of the district, it will be therefore be asked to authorize expenditure necessary to make this portion of the province accessible.

My government has given much consideration to the opening up of the northern portion of the province, especially in connection with a route from the coast entirely within British territory. During the past season a trail has been cut along the Kitimat valley, and prospectors and others have already taken advantage of that route. It is now proposed to build a wagon road in the same direction, with a view to the ultimate construction of a railway, as the commencement of a railway system to be extended over the northern portion of the province. In such a scheme it will be both feasible and desirable in the public interest that such arrangements will be made as will secure to the province an interest in such enterprises and an effective control over the details of their operation.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will shortly be laid before you, and will be found to have been framed with a view to economy, whilst providing liberally for the public service.

I now leave you to your deliberations, trusting that under the guidance of the Almighty the result of your labors will conduce to the prosperity and welfare of the people of the province.

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KNIT GOODS DEALER.

New York, Jan. 3.—The American Knit Goods Association, comprising the principal domestic underwear manufacturers of the state, at an executive meeting to-day decided to raise the price of knit goods 12½ cents a dozen. Prices are to be advanced on yarns and other raw materials entering into the production of fleece-lined knit goods.

BRAZILIAN ELECTIONS.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 3.—The elections have been favorable to the government throughout the country.

WELL-MEANING MEDDLERS.

Brussels, Jan. 3.—Senator Le Jeune, former minister of justice and now member of the council of state, former Senator Lafontaine and other leading members of the Union League of Peace have convoked a meeting to be held next Thursday, in favor of appealing to the United States government to offer to mediate in the South African war.

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Re William Henry Flewin, Deceased

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof with a statement of any securities (if any) held by them, and all parties indebted to the estate to pay the amount of their indebtedness, and any person having any deeds or other documents in hand belonging to the deceased to send the same to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated this 2nd December, 1899.

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Victoria, B. C., January, 2nd, 1900.

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Friday, \$1.00

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By Mr. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 1.5 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 13.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimaux dry dock.

Saturday, Jan. 6.		Friday, Jan. 5.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
9:20 a.m.	9.3 feet.	8:55 a.m.	9.4 feet.
1:10 a.m.	6.3 feet.	12:09 a.m.	8.0 feet.
5:00 p.m.	3.7 feet.	4:0 p.m.	9.2 feet.
		11:55 p.m.	4.0 feet.

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Mrs. Lombard will resume her music
teaching January 4, at 56 Collinson
street.

Ald. R. T. Williams will be a candi-
date for Central Ward at the coming
municipal election.

Daughters of Pitt.—The members of
this charitable and benevolent organiza-
tion meet to-day at the Royal Jubilee
hospital at 8 o'clock.

A few good things left. Come and see
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Two Months for "Tke."—In the police
court yesterday Isaac Robertson was fined
\$15 or one month's imprisonment for be-
ing drunk and disorderly. The day be-
fore he was similarly fined, so Isaac will
have to spend two months in gaol.

Just received—a second delivery of
Men's \$1.50-Lined Underwear, Tiger
brand, at \$1.00 per suit. H. Rutland,
57 Johnson street.

Gospel Meetings.—Special meetings
are to be held to-night in the Gospel
hall, Johnson street, opposite W. G. Cam-
eron's, by Messrs. Hareus and Duncan,
the evangelists from Portland. The sub-
ject of baptism will be taken up this
evening—who should be the subjects of
baptism and its uses.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.—There was a
meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday
afternoon at the headquarters of the so-
ciety, 108 Cormorant street, but no
business was transacted. The meeting
was purely devotional, a special feature
of which was a Bible reading by Mrs.
Hall.

Under new management—Clarence
Hotel.

Pro-Boer Movement.—Considerable dis-
gust has been expressed by the better
class of Scandinavian editors that any
of their countrymen should be mixed up
in the movement started in this city to
aid the Boers, but which undoubtedly
has been stopped by the publicity given
to it in the Colonist. Among those who
have expressed their indignation is Capt.
J. Christensen, the Nanaimo pilot, who

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has been a resident of Victoria for thirty
years. He cannot understand how any-
body enjoying the protection of the Brit-
ish flag could join in any such move-
ment and took occasion yesterday to re-
braid some of his countrymen whose
names have been connected with it.

Billiard and Pool Tables—Clarence.
Cases Adjudged.—The McDonnell as-
sault cases set for hearing in the police
court yesterday were adjourned, the
Manners case until this afternoon at 2:30
and the other until Monday next at 2
p.m.

Volunteers Already.—Hardly had the
news been conveyed by wire to different
parts of the province that British Colum-
bia proposed to offer a mounted contin-
gent for service in South Africa than
volunteers commenced to offer. Last
evening Col. Baker, M.P.P., received the
following despatch from Fernie:
"Friends are anxious to join British
Columbia mounted contingent. Wire
prospects. W. Fernie."

Good Lunch and Clam Nectar every
night—Clarence.

Letters from "Our Boys."—Col. Greg-
ory yesterday morning received a letter
from Capt. Blanchard with the Canadian
South African contingent. The letter
had been written on board the steamer
Sardinian before reaching Capetown and
contained much interesting information
regarding the voyage and life on ship-
board. All of the men were in good
spirits. City Assessor Northcott also re-
ceived a letter from his son Joseph giving
somewhat similar information.

Elected Officers.—T. T. Twigg was
elected president; James Welsh, vice-
president; E. Harrop, secretary; and
James Tigg, treasurer of the Trades and
Labor Council on Wednesday evening.
The coming municipal elections were dis-
cussed and the following resolution
passed: "That this council will strongly
oppose all candidates who are not in
favor of day labor being done upon all
municipal work."

Installation of Officers.—Victoria-Col-
umbia lodge, A. F. & A. M. installed
officers for the ensuing year yesterday
evening as follows: Worshipful master,
Dubois M.; senior warden, Jas. W.
Crocker; junior warden, P. J. Kiddle;
treasurer, Hardress Clarke; secretary,
B. S. Oddy; senior deacon, S. W. Ed-
wards; junior deacon, G. H. Seelig; or-
ganist, J. Andrews; senior steward, Bro.
Sperling; junior steward, Bro. Christie.
The usual banquet was held after the
ceremonies.

Pleasant Surprise.—On Wednesday
evening a number of members of the
Centennial Methodist church and other
friends as followed to Mr. Tolmie, Rev.
C. Bryant, one of the pioneer
ministers of the province, a little sur-
prise. They were successful, the party
being in entire possession of the house
before the aged minister and his wife
fully realized what had happened. After
all had been comfortably settled Mrs.
N. Shakespeare on behalf of the vis-
itors read an address eulogistic of the
work done by Rev. Bryant and handed
him a well filled purse. The recipient
made an appropriate reply and speech
followed by Rev. Mr. Barracough and
Messrs. Morris, Shakespeare and Bone.
There was singing and generally a very
pleasant time was spent.

Officers Installed.—The officers of Col-
umbia lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., were duly
installed Tuesday evening by E. Bragg,
D.D.M.M., assisted by A. Graham, G.M.,
and the following past grand: P. Carne,
sr.; J. E. Phillips, Jas. Pottinger, A.
Henderson, R. Drake, W. H. Huxtable,
and J. H. Meldrum. The following are
the officers installed: Robt. Marwick,
N.G.; Phil R. Smith, V.G.; R. W. Faw-
cett, Rec. Sec.; Wm. Jackson, Per. Sec.;
Geo. T. Fox, Treas.; D. R. Pottinger,
War.; Ben. Deacon, Con.; R. P. McCon-
nell, I.S.N.G.; S. Reid, L.S.N.G.; J.
Valio, I.S.V.G.; W. H. Huxtable, O. G.;
W. Davis, I.G. C.; A. McGregor, R.S.S.;
Jas. Walby, L.S.S. The other lodges of
the order will install officers next week,
as follows: Monday, Victoria lodge, No.
1; Tuesday, Colfax Rebekah lodge;
Thursday, Dominion lodge, No. 4; Fri-
day, Peerless lodge, No. 33.

Popular Concerts.—Commencing Sat-
urday evening the Fifth Regiment band
will give a series of twelve concerts at
the drill hall. The concerts will be
given every Saturday evening until
March 24, and all who desire to keep a
good band alive can assist by purchasing
one or more of the season tickets. Sea-
son tickets, good for one admission to
each of the twelve concerts, may be ob-
tained for \$1.00 each, an average of
about \$12 cents a concert, or the con-
certs are spread over a period of three
months, which means 33 1/3 cents a month
or a cent a day for three months. Musi-
cally speaking the band is in the best of
condition. To keep them so, these con-
certs should be maintained. Season tickets
may be obtained from T. N. Hibben
& Co., H. L. Salmon, J. F. Rausch, Star
Grocery, corner Fort and Blanchard
streets, or from any bandsman. It is
to be hoped that a sufficient number of
these tickets will be sold to warrant the
band to play the full series. It has been
decided to hereafter restrict the smoking
privilege, smoking being permitted in the
south gallery only.

NEWFOUNDLAND PROSPERS.

Revenue Returns Most Satisfactory in
the History of the Colony.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 3.—The public
revenues of Newfoundland for the six
months ending December 31 were
\$1,043,000, being \$230,000 more than
the figures reached over the corresponding
period of 1898. This is the largest
showing ever made in the history of the
Colony.

THE CHESS MASTERS.

Vienna, Jan. 3.—The final round of the
national chess masters' tournament was
played in this city to-day. Marochy won
the first prize, but owing to an adjourned
game the destination of the other
prizes cannot be determined at present.

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HOME FROM DAWSON.

Return of Mr. Joshua Holland from the
Klondike Capital.

Mr. Joshua Holland, who arrived from
the Klondike yesterday morning by way
of Seattle, left Dawson on December
11 and travelled over the ice with a
dog team. Mr. Holland had spent the
summer on the river superintending the
forwarding of freight for his company—
the Victoria-Yukon Trading Company—who
built their own scows at Bennett
and float them with their cargoes down
the Yukon. At this the company has
been very successful, Mr. Holland hav-
ing a small steamer to assist in the
work. However, owing to the fact that
the river closed two weeks earlier this
season than it did last, no less than
eighteen of these scows were caught in
the ice. In this case the old proverb
concerning an ill wind again proved itself
for the cargoes were taken ashore and
the houses established, so that the trav-
ellers on the wintry way were not dis-
tressed. Mr. Holland states that there will
be no difficulty whatever in drawing the
scows themselves out on to the bank so
that they run no risk of being carried
away with the ice in the spring.

Business in Dawson is comparatively
quiet this year and at the time of Mr.
Holland's departure from that city no
definite estimate could be made of the
next season's clearing up, although all
hands expect that it will be much greater
than last year. Owing to the great
amount of travelling all the road houses
and hotels are doing well, and to show
what a difference there is "trekking"
on the Yukon at the present time to
what the same operation represented only
a short time ago it may be stated that
travellers' retreats are now provided at
intervals of every twenty miles or so
the entire distance from the end of the
White Pass railway all the way to Daw-
son. The trail constructed by the Cana-
dian Development Company is in first
class shape and owing to the large
amount of traffic that portion which runs
over the frozen surface of the Yukon
has been beaten hard and no difficulty
is experienced in freighting goods by
sleds to Dawson.

On Mr. Holland's last trip down the
river he and his steamer rescued Capt.
Tibbals and his party from a watery
grave. It seems that the large contain-
ing the party and their freight capsized
a short distance from the Lewis and
although all the freight was lost
the party succeeded in climbing on the
bottom of the overturned scow which
when their weight was just awash. In
this condition they drifted for eighteen
hours until Mr. Holland's steamer
came in sight and took them aboard.

Coming out Ano, McDougall and party
of this creek bound for the Cape Nome
district. Many miners are going in over
the ice to winter in Dawson and take
the early spring steamers for Cape
Nome and many propose with the assist-
ance of dog teams to make that camp
by the river route while the ice remains
good.

Everything, according to the lately
arrived Yukoner, points to an enormous
business being done not only at Daw-
son but also at all the houses along the
river in providing for the rush that is
now setting in towards the Nome mines.
Henry and Norman Macaulay and
Joseph Nott are on their way out.

HOCKEY MATCH.

Captain's and Vice-Captain's Teams to
Play at Oak Bay Saturday
Afternoon.

After a rest of two weeks the Victoria
Hockey Club resumes practice next Sat-
urday at Oak Bay park at 2:30 p.m.
After the defeat of the home team in
Vancouver it is hoped all members will
turn out in full force so as to be able to
win the game on the home grounds,
which takes place about the end of the
present month. The following teams
have been chosen to represent the cap-
tain and vice-captain:

Captain's Team.—Futcher (captain),
Tye, Rome, A. McLean, Berridge, York,
Dallin, Cummins, Gore, Fell, Green.

Vice-Captain's Team.—Swinton (captain),
Robertson, Bozors, C. McLean,
Jagers, Vernon, McTavish, Bunting,
Patton, P. Austin, Bell.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Junior and Senior Matches Arranged
For Saturday Afternoon.

The first game in the second round
for the Victoria junior cup will be
played at Beacon Hill on Saturday
afternoon between the Maple Leaves
and the Boys' Brigade. The kick-off
will be at 1:45 sharp, as another game
has to commence at 3 sharp. The teams
are as follows:

Boys' Brigade—Goal, W. Loveridge;
backs, A. Haughton and A. Belyea;
half-backs, F. Cullin, G. Temple and
H. Roskamp; forwards, J. Anderson,
R. Pinalison, J. Hogg, W. Edmonds and
W. Ross. Colors, white and blue.
Maple Leaves—Goal, W. Houston;
backs, N. Gowen and T. Luscombe;
half-backs, H. Stewart, W. Willisroft
and J. Belyea; forwards, T. Peden, S.
Winsky, J. Dakers, C. Bishop and C.
Canning. Colors, white.

Mr. A. Rutherford is the official
referee.
A match has been arranged between
Victoria and the Leander eleven, to be
played on Beacon Hill to-morrow, com-
encing at 3 o'clock. The Victoria
team is as follows: Goal, W. H. Kins-
man; backs, B. Schwengers and H. A.
Goward; half-backs, A. Rutherford, J.
W. Lorimer and A. Johnston; forwards,
H. Shandley, J. Hunter, J. Noot, R.
Livingstone and L. York.

The senior game between Vic-
toria and the Garrison will be played at
the Caledonian grounds on January 13,
and both teams are getting in shape for
the contest. The Garrison team is
being materially strengthened. In view
of the return games for the senior and
intermediate teams the Victoria team
have decided to hold club runs this
evening and every evening next week,
at which every member of the club
senior and intermediate, is expected to
attend. Meet at Caledonian grounds at
7:30 sharp. There will be an important
intermediate club meeting on Monday
at 8 o'clock at 32 Langley
street. All members are requested to
attend.

CHICAGO AND GRAND TRUNK.

Railway Line to Be Sold on Foreclosure
of Mortgage Securing Bonded Debt.

Detroit, Jan. 3.—A bill was filed in the
United States circuit court by the Mer-
cantile Trust Co. of New York to fore-
close the mortgage on the Chicago and
Grand Trunk railway for the principal
of the bonded debt of the company,
\$8,000,000, which matured January 1.
R. W. Meddough and Henry B. Joy, of
this city, have been appointed receivers
of the road, which extends from Port
Huron to Chicago.

It is believed that the duration of the
receivership will not extend beyond the
necessary statutory period required for
the sale of the property under mortgage
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A CHURCHILL ANECDOTE.

Referring to Lord Randolph Churchill's
idiosyncrasies, Sir Edward Russell writes:

In all this, it must be understood
how boyish was Churchill's recklessness,
how devoid of malice; so that though he
angered people he did not provoke re-
sentment. The conditions of his life were
perpetually hostile to health. I don't
know how true it was, but it was said in
the lobbies that, in spite of his moral cour-
age, and in spite of his indomitable de-
termined debate—in which he never qual-
ified—he showed at Birmingham a distinct
lack of physical courage—indeed, was vi-
ciously chastised and completely lost his head.
In 1886 a statesman, now very near the
head of affairs, said to some one who in-
quired after Lord Randolph—they were op-
posite sides, and had the forest en-
counters in the house, never than any
other two of our time—"Oh, it's bromide
of potassium at night and brandy and
soda in the morning." What could be ex-
pected? Only what came.

All who knew Lord Randolph Churchill
were as much struck by the peculiar sim-
plicity of his character as they were by his
great resources of effective ability. His
mind was that of a boy on a great many
subjects, although the moment he applied
himself he displayed unlimited power of
acquisition and adaptation. The following
is a quaint illustration of the simple side of
his character: Many years ago, when Sir
(then Mr.) Henry Irving was playing "Ham-
let" in Dublin, and had the forest en-
counter in the house, never than any
other two of our time—"Oh, it's bromide
of potassium at night and brandy and
soda in the morning." What could be ex-
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he would see him. Mr. Irving asked who he
was, and was informed that he was a son
of the lord lieutenant. Lord Randolph
came in, asked leave to light a cigarette,
and after a few compliments went into
a general conversation. This was between
the third and fourth acts. Presently Irving
told him that he must now say good-by,
as he was nearly due on the stage for the
next act—the play, remember, being "Ham-
let." Lord Randolph said: "What occurs
in the next act?" Irving explained to him
that the young lady he had seen in the
former part of the piece got into more
trouble, and at this and other explanatory
expressions Lord Randolph said: "Dear
me, this is very sad." Presently, when
he was nearly gone, he said: "Will you tell
me how it all ends?" Irving told him,
entering into the spirit of the thing, that
in the fifth act most of the characters would
be found lying on the stage, stuck with
swords or disposed of by poison, and Lord
Randolph seemed to think this a very in-
teresting condition of things. He said as
he was going: "I am not much of a play-
goer, and in point of fact I have never seen
a play of Shakespeare's before, and I have
never read one." He went to the theatre
the following night, and the next, thus
seeing "Hamlet" three nights in suc-
cession; and on the third night again ob-
tained admission to Henry Irving's room, and
asked him whether he would come to lunch
or dine with him and Lady Church-
ill, who was that night at the Viceregal
Lodge. Irving consented, and went on the
Sunday. He had a very pleasant day, and
in the course of it, Lord Randolph Church-
ill said to him, "Mr. Irving, I believe I have
to thank you for as great a boon as ever
one man conferred on another. I assure
you that I knew nothing of Shakespeare
and had not seen any of his plays. Since
seeing you, I have seen 'Hamlet' twice;
again, I have read four of the other plays,
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The prevalence of the dread bubonic plague at Oriental ports and the outbreak at Honolulu has spurred the coast quarantine authorities to increased vigilance, and Dr. Watt and staff at William Head are subjecting all suspicious craft to the most rigid inspection and fumigation. The Queen Adelaide on her arrival from Oriental ports went through a severe ordeal, all of her Chinese passengers being bathed and their clothing and effects thoroughly fumigated. The greatest danger of a plague-infected ship communicating the disease to shore is from the rats leaving the vessel when she reaches port, bringing the disease germs with them. Dr. Watt, as also the San Francisco authorities, is taking every precaution to either kill the rats or prevent their leaving incoming vessels. The San Francisco Chronicle says: "On the government ships going from here to Honolulu in future, upon the suggestion of the quarantine officer, there will be funnels to cover the mooring hawsers. The greatest danger of the plague spreading is from the rats, which carry the disease germs. When a ship is in port, the rodents climb up the hawsers. To prevent this the funnels will be put on with the big ends towards the dock. The rats cannot climb up the sides of the funnel. The scheme has been in vogue in Indian ports for years and has met with great success. It is believed that Manila is threatened with an outbreak of the plague. The Manila Times in the latest issue received here says: "It has been learned from various authentic sources that in many of our closely neighboring towns a serious epidemic, bordering on a plague, is raging. The towns which are principally affected with this dread disease are Candelupe, Mandalagan, Pineda and Malabon, besides a number of others. The cause of the plague, as it probably is, is said to be due to the eating of flesh from animals which have died from disease. Whatever the cause, there is little doubt that a species of plague exists, in which most cases prove fatal. It is said that the disease carries off its victims within 48 hours from its first attack and in these country towns medical aid or supplies are not to be had readily, and then only in a limited way. Not only this but the burial of the corpses of those who have died from this disease is carelessly conducted, and absolutely no precautions are taken. The natives do not understand the care which should be taken in these cases, and rely too much on their faith and superstition." The plague is reported to have also again broken out at Honolulu and quarantine, which was raised on the 19th instant, has again been established. The steamer Australia which has just arrived at San Francisco, reports that three

more deaths have occurred, one a white girl and two Chinese. The Australia brought no steerage passengers from Honolulu.

MARINE NOTES.

The Queen Adelaide brought 129 passengers to Victoria and about 100 tons of general freight. She proceeded to Tacoma yesterday.

Another fleet of Cape Nome steamers has been added to those heretofore announced for the traffic to the new diggings in the coming season, says the Seattle Times. These are the boats under charter to the recently organized C. H. Hamilton Company at 114 James street. The fleet consists of the Alliance, which was operated by the S.-Y. T. Company last year on the Nome route, and the Huene, Dispatch, South Portland and Fulton. The Huene is not the old steam schooner of that name that used to run to Alaska, but a new boat modelled somewhat on the plan of the steamer Charles Nelson. The old Huene was sold not long ago to Honolulu parties and recaptured.

The Umattilla sailed last evening for San Francisco with the following passengers from Victoria: Capt. Wise, Alex. Simpson, S. J. and A. F. Clements, G. W. Obbe, F. W. Henry, Mrs. Mary A. Rinnella, Miss L. Scott, Mrs. Alice Watson, B. M. Marshall and B. Freese.

Tenders will be received up to Tuesday next for the purchase of the schooner Aurora.

BUSINESS FOR MONDAY.

Resolutions, Questions and Private Legislation of Which Notice Is Already Given.

By Mr. Higgins—To introduce a bill amending the Water Clauses Consolidation Act.

By Mr. Higgins—To introduce a bill amending the Municipal Clauses Act, 1898.

By Mr. Higgins—For a return of all moneys paid and to whom paid, on account of stationery in one of the public departments of the province, from the 1st August, 1898, to the 31 December, 1899, together with copies of all agreements or contracts with any person or persons whatsoever for the supply of stationery, and the rates at which that class of goods was supplied to the government.

By Mr. Higgins—For a return of all correspondence between the government of British Columbia and any member thereof and the government of the Dominion of Canada or any member thereof; also all correspondence between the government of British Columbia and any person or persons, miners or mine-owners' unions, relative to the enforcement of the provisions of the fourth section of the act relating to the inspection of metalliferous mines.

By Mr. Higgins—For a return of correspondence between the provincial government or any member thereof, and the Imperial and Dominion governments, or any members thereof, relative to the proposed provincial grant of one million dollars towards the cost of laying a trans-Pacific cable.

By Mr. Higgins—To move for the appointment of a select committee to examine into and report upon the administration of the affairs, the condition and the requirements of the provincial reformatory, Victoria, with full select special committee powers, the committee to consist of Messrs. Prentice, Macpherson, A. W. Smith, Helmecken and the mover.

By Mr. Higgins—To introduce a bill amending the Municipal Clauses Act, 1899.

By Mr. Higgins—To introduce a bill amending the Liquor License Regulation Act, 1899.

By Mr. Higgins—For a return of correspondence between the government or any

member thereof, any party or parties resident in the district of North Victoria, relative to the reduction of the wages of workmen employed on the roads of that district from \$2 to \$1.75 per day, and the increase of the hours of labor from nine to ten hours per day.

By Mr. Higgins—For a return of all correspondence and other documents relative to the closing of Craigflower Road by the corporation of the city of Victoria that may have passed between the provincial government or any member thereof and the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Victoria, or any person or persons whatsoever, relative to the same matter.

By Mr. Helmecken—For a return of all correspondence, memorials and documents passing between the Dominion and the Provincial governments relative to the disallowance by the Dominion government of the Labor Regulation Act, 1898, or legislation of similar character since the return presented to the house on the 18th January, 1899.

By Mr. Higgins—For a return of all correspondence, memorials and papers between the county court judges of the province and the provincial government or any member thereof, relative to the discontinuance of the salary or stipendiary magistrate heretofore paid by the province to each of the said county court judges.

By Mr. Helmecken—To introduce a bill amending the Trustees and Executors Act.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Higgins—Has any reply been received from the Dominion government relative to the resolution passed by the house on the 25th February last having reference to the removal of the Indians from the Songhees reserve? If any, what was the nature of the reply? Has the government taken any step, and if so, what step, towards effecting the removal of the Indians from such reserve? Has any notice, and if so, what notice, been given to the provincial government by any person or party relative to the arbitration of the portion of land required for right of way purposes by the E. & N. Railway Company?

Mr. Helmecken—When was the salary heretofore paid by the provincial government to the county court judges discontinued? Has any agreement been reached relative to the payment of salaries since such discontinuance?

Mr. Helmecken—Has any answer been received from the Dominion government relative to the resolution passed by the house on the 17th February last having reference to the establishment of a mint in Canada? If so, what is the nature of such answer?

Mr. Higgins—Why were not the registers of voters for the Vancouver city electoral district included in the notice dated 6th September, 1899, cancelling the registers of voters for the electoral districts of Victoria city and New Westminster city? Why was the said notice not made applicable to the registers of said electoral districts of Vancouver city and Nanaimo city? Why was longer notice not given of such cancellation? Was the government aware that when the said notice was so published by the provincial secretary, the collector of Victoria city electoral district had given notice of the revision of the register of said district?

Mr. Higgins—What was the total amount of revenue derived from the stumpage tax in the districts of East and West Kootenay from the 1st August, 1898, to the 3rd December, 1899? From whom was the revenue derived that was so paid? What steps, if any, have been taken to ascertain if the crown lands conveyed to railway companies throughout the province are in excess of the acreage proposed to be conveyed by acts of this house?

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Women's Work For Hospital.

Report Submitted at Monthly Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Needs of the Institution Attend- ed to—the Maternity Ward.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Society of the Jubilee Hospital took place yesterday at the Drlard hotel. The president, eight members and the secretary-treasurer were present. The minutes having been read and adopted, a report of the work during December was read as follows:

Madam President and Ladies:

During the past month I have great pleasure in reporting much interest and kindness shown in your work and its object. The invalid chair presented by Mrs. Dierby Barker has arrived together with an entire set of rubber tires, which have now been added to the chair already given six years ago by the King's Daughters, rendering both chairs noiseless. This gives the hospital two of the very best kind of invalid chairs, and only one more is needed to have each ward comfortably equipped. The needs supplied this month are as follows: 2 dozen blankets, 1 dozen roller towels, 1 pair of blankets, nightshirt and table covers.

The present requirements are: 1 dozen small earthenware teapots (for trays); a piece of glass towelling, unbleached linen for tray cloths, and especially old linen and cotton. The matron makes a special note of this, as she feels that if the public realized the perpetual need there is for this that they would supply it as continually as possible. It is quite as acceptable, in its way, as a costlier gift. More blankets will also be necessary, though this society has expended on these for the present as much as funds will allow.

With regard to the general average to keep the linen room well supplied, the matron suggests that the ladies keep a reserve of work completed, from which she can draw as required. She submits the following list of articles it would be well to keep in reserve and suitable as current stock: 6 dozen sheets, 6 dozen pillow cases, 6 dozen nightshirts, 6 dozen nightgowns, 6 dozen towels, 6 dozen table napkins, some wrappers and jackets. The matron considers that with what has been so generously supplied during the past six months, this amount should constitute a fair annual average.

I am happy to inform you of the success of the Christmas Eve party and tree, which took place under the united auspices of our hospital workers on the 23rd ult., when Miss Grady and the nursing staff, assisted by the Daughters of Pity, did the honors of the evening. Miss Dorothy Bennlands and Miss Ethel Tilton presided over the tree, after which the Daughters of Pity sang carols most sweetly throughout the hospital, to the delight of such patients as were too ill to attend the festival. Flowers were contributed by Mr. Frank Wollaston and Mr. Constantine Arrundell, and thanks are also due to Dr. J. D. Helmcken and to Dr. Robertson, the latter being

the life and soul of the musical programme. The president of the board of directors, Mr. H. D. Helmcken, and Mrs. Helmcken also showed much thoughtful kindness, and Mr. Joshua Davies—ever a faithful friend—and numerous guests were present during the evening.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Balance in bank.....\$103 75
Collected by Mrs. Wollaston..... 1 00
Collected by Mrs. Crane..... 1 00
Collected by Mrs. Hasell..... 8 00
.....\$112 75
Bills ordered paid..... 82 20

Cash balance.....\$ 50 55
In this connection the treasurer begs to press the attention of the meeting upon the city and district, as otherwise we shall be infringing upon another year's fees, and cause complications and possibly dissatisfaction.
B. M. HASELL,
Sec. Treas.

This report was passed, and the suggestion of the matron discussed and adopted, and a committee appointed to recommend the work of cutting out and distributing as necessary of completing the canvass of the brooks, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Wollaston, Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. Maddock-Bradburn, Mrs. T. C. Boulton, Mrs. Thomas Leigh, Mrs. Esden and Mrs. Hasell. The secretary will notify these ladies as to time and place of meeting.

follows: Mrs. M. A. Adams, Mrs. B. R. Seaver, asked to continue as purchasing committee once another term, and Mrs. Rykert and Mrs. Charles Hayward were appointed visitors for the month.

The president then moved that the next important work before the women was the providing a maternity ward for the hospital. The insistent need for this is presently felt, both by an isolated population and the nurses, who desire to complete their training. The meeting was unanimous upon the subject, and a plan was laid before them, which was ordered particularized and brought up for general discussion at the next meeting, which has been called for Tuesday, February 6.

LOST OFF LAND'S END.

British Steamer Goes Down With Twenty-Two of the Crew.

London, Jan. 3.—A Bristol despatch announces that the British steamer Borgeuse, of Glasgow, foundered off Cape Finisterre last Friday during a hurricane, twenty-two of the crew being drowned. The survivors, nine in number, have just arrived at Bristol.

TIMES EDITOR'S FATHER.

London, Jan. 3.—Rev. Geo. Buckley, father of George Earl Buckley, editor of the Times, died to-day.

THE HAGUE AGREEMENT.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—The Journal, the organ of the Russian foreign office, expresses the gratification of the Russian government that all the powers have signed the acts of the peace conference at The Hague within the stipulated time, and expresses the opinion also that ratification will speedily follow.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Jan. 4.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is falling along the Coast in advance of a developing storm area now centered off Washington. This area is likely to cause high winds off Vancouver Island and the American seaboard, and a general rain is extending eastward to the Cascades. The weather is fair from Kamloops to Winnipeg, with temperatures about zero in the Territories. Five inches of snow fell in northern Alberta yesterday.

TEMPERATURES.

Place	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	44
New Westminster	39	40
Abbotsford	29	32
Barkerville	6	24
Langley	6	10
Winnipeg	0	14
Portland, Ore.	40	48
San Francisco	48	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Friday:
Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly winds, becoming high off the Coast; occasional rains.
Lower Mainland—Fresh, easterly winds; rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Reports for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 4.

Time	Deg.	Mean	Deg.
5 a.m.	41	41	41
Noon	43	44	44
5 p.m.	42	40	40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
Noon..... 8 miles east.
5 p.m..... 6 miles east.
Average of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—0.8 inch.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.890
Corrected.....29.913

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The Editor of the "Christian Million," under the heading of General Notes, on August 20, 1896, wrote—

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Mr. Hall Caine.

Author of "The Deemster," "The Manxman," "The Christian," etc., when speaking on "Criticism," recently said—

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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN DEFENSE.

Twenty Million Pounds to Be Spent in Increasing the Army and Navy.

Buda Pesth, Jan. 3.—The Pest-Hirap says that the Austro-Hungarian government contemplates spending twenty million pounds immediately for increasing the army and navy in consequence of the grave political situation. The government, according to the same authority, will also propose to the Austrian and Hungarian parliaments an increase of the annual grant for defensive purposes.

PORTO RICO'S FUTURE.

Bill Outlining the Form of Government Presented to United States Senate.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Foraker to-day introduced a bill providing a form of government for the island of Porto Rico. The bill provides for the continuance of the laws and municipal ordinances now in force on the island until the legislature provided for shall supplant them. The constitution and laws of the United States are extended to the island so far as possible. Export duties are prohibited and free trade is provided for between the island and the United States proper.

Senator Foraker said that the bill was intended as a basis for the committee on Porto Rico to act upon.

COSTLY FRENCH FOLLY.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The high court trials of the conspiracy cases cost \$800,000 francs, in addition to expenses of detention.

AWFUL EARTHQUAKE.

Report of Loss of Six Hundred Lives in Remote District of Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—Reports from Achakalek, in the government of Tiflis, show that 600 lives were lost during the earthquakes which visited that district on Monday.

MINERS STRIKE.

Vienna, Jan. 3.—Three thousand miners have struck for an advance of wages in the Kafke coal district of Styria.

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:
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B. & K. Milling Co. Lenz & Leiser,
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T. N. Hibben & Co. B. Leiser,
Weller Bros. Ames Holden & Co.,
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To the Electors of Central Ward.

CENTRAL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
At the request of a number of the electors, I offer myself as a candidate for election. Respectfully soliciting your vote and influence.
I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant,
P. C. MACGREGOR.

WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 15th day of January, 1900, for the supply and delivery at Victoria, of

FIFTY TELEPHONE POLES

of the following dimensions:
25 poles 60 feet long, nine inches diameter at the top.
15 poles 55 feet long, nine inches diameter at the top.
10 poles 50 feet long, nine inches diameter at the top.
All poles are required to be of cedar, straight, perfectly sound and barked.
Tenders will state, in addition to price, time and place in the city at which it is proposed to make delivery.
U. B. MCMCKING,
Manager V. & E. Telephone Co.

To the Electors of South Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
At the urgent solicitation of a large number of ratepayers, I have consented to become a candidate for the South Ward, and ask your vote and influence on the day of election.
Your obedient servant,
JOHN JARDINE.

To the Electors of North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
At the request of a large number of electors of North Ward, I offer myself as a candidate for election as alderman for above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
GEORGE JEVES.

The White House Century Sale

Commences this morning, January 5th. For One Week Only, a week that will save you money. Remember this is an abbreviated list, giving the leaders in each line only.

Dress Materials and Suitings.

Navy All Wool Suiting Serge	was	.65	SALE PRICE	.40
Fancy All Wool Tweed Suitings	was	1.25	"	.50
All Wool Colored Serge, heavy make	was	1.00	"	.50
All Wool Fancy Colored Serge	was	1.25	"	.75
Fancy Figures, new patterns	was	.75	"	.50
Fancy Figures, for Children's wear	was	.75	"	.50
Fancy Figures, for Children's wear	was	.65	"	.40
Fancy Figures, for Children's wear	was	.60	"	.40

Other plain and fancy suiting cloths, all reduced.

Black Dress Goods.

Black All Wool Serge	was	.65	SALE PRICE	.40
Black Figures, new patterns	was	1.25	"	.75
Black Fancy All Wool	was	.85	"	.40
Black Fine Twill All Wool Serge	was	.75	"	.45
Black Figured Mohair	was	.90	"	.50
Black Figured Crepon	was	.75	"	.45
Black All Wool Crepon	was	.50	"	.25

Silks and Chiffons.

Bengalines, all shades	REDUCED TO	75c a yard
Fancy Striped Blouse Silks	was	.65 SALE PRICE .45
Fancy Figured Silks	was	1.50 " 1.00
Fancy Plaid Silks	was	1.50 " 1.00
Heavy Cord Black Skirting Silks	was	2.75 " 1.50
Finer Cord Black Skirting Silks	was	2.75 " 1.50
Cream Mole Silks	REDUCED TO	.50
Figured Broche Silks, five shades	REDUCED FROM	1.15 to .50
Fancy Gaufréd Chiffons	REDUCED TO	.50
Brilliant Gaufréd	REDUCED TO	.50

Blouse lengths of Silks among Remnants

Half Price Remnants of Colored Dress Goods.

Children's White Muslin Aprons and dresses	was	1.50 to 2.50 each
English Prints, fast dye, regular 15c., 20c., 25c.	SALE PRICE	.50 for 10c. per yard

Jackets, Capes and Waterproofs.

Everything in this department reduced regardless of cost or former prices.

Flannelette Wrappers.

What were 5.00	REDUCED TO	4.25
What were 4.00	"	2.75
What were 3.00	"	2.00
What were 2.50	"	1.75
What were 1.75	"	1.25

All well made in latest style in good patterns of Flannelette.

Lace Curtains.

3 1/2 yards long, taped all around	Special line 1.15 pair
3 1/2 yards long, taped all around	were 2.00 SALE PRICE 1.50
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Handkerchiefs.

These include a fine lot of Fancy Handkerchiefs with drawn work and lace edges that should have been here for Xmas, but arriving late we have marked them at about half of regular prices.
Hemmed Handkerchiefs for School Children45c per dozen
Gents' fine hemmed stitched Cambric Handkerchiefs, a specially low priced line2.00 per dozen

Umbrellas.

Intended for School Girls	regular	1.50 SALE PRICE 1.00
Ladies' Umbrellas	regular	1.75 " 1.25
Gents' 28inch, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00 will be marked		\$4.00 each

Eiderdown Quilts.

Real Alaska Down	English Sateen covered	were \$7.60 and 8.50 each
	SALE PRICE	\$3.50 each

Towels.

295 dozen Assorted Linen and Turkish Towels at less than present Mill Prices.

Special Linen Mention.

36x36inch. Hemstitched Teacloth	REDUCED FROM 1.50 to 1.00
36x36inch. Hemstitched Teacloth	REDUCED FROM 1.00 to .50
45x45inch. Hemstitched Damask Teacloths	REDUCED FROM 1.50 to 1.00

Underwear and Hosiery.

Ladies' Meece lined Underwear	REDUCED FROM 2.50 to 1.50 suit
Misses Knitted Combination	" 1.75 to 1.00 suit
Ladies' Ribbed Silk Vests	" 1.50 to 1.00 each
Ladies' Balbriggan Vests	" .90 to .50 each
Ladies' Natural Wool Vests	" 1.00 to .60 each
Ladies' Natural Wool Vests	" .75 to .40 each
Girls' Natural Wool Vests	" .65 to .35 each
Girls' Natural Wool Vests	" .50 to .25 each
Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose up to 7inch.	Reduced from 25c pair to 3 pair for 50c
Ladies' Black Spun Silk Hose	REDUCED FROM 1.50 to 75c a pair

Cotton Blankets.

Regular \$1.25 size for 85c pair, Extra heavy weight.

Fur Muffs.

Twenty-one in all.....AT HALF PRICE

Millinery.

Children's Felt Hats	reduced to 25c. and 50c. each
Ladies' Dress Hats, were 1.70 to 2.50	reduced to 50c., 75c. and \$1.00 each
Ladies' Felt Sailors, were 1.50 to 2.00 each	Reduced to 50c., 75c. and 1.00 each
Children's Trimmed Sailors	Reduced to 1.00 each
Ladies' Walking Hats	Reduced from 1.75 to 75c each
Ladies' Walking Hats	Reduced from 1.25 to 50c each
Trimmed Millinery All Reduced	Bargains in Wings and Feathers.